

Sierra Totonac language

Sierra Totonac is a native American language complex spoken in Puebla and Veracruz, Mexico. One of the Totonacan languages, it is also known as **Highland Totonac**. The language is best known through the work of the late Herman “Pedro” Aschmann who produced a small dictionary and several academic articles on the language.

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Varieties

The varieties of Sierra Totonac are rather diverse, and specialists tend to consider them distinct languages. They are:

- Zapotitlán (Zapotitlán de Méndez) Totonac (in Sierra Norte de Puebla)
- Coyutla Totonac
- Olintla Totonac
- Ozelonacaxtla Totonac
- Huehuetla Totonac
- Coatepec Totonac†

Zapotitlán Totonac is the best known, being the variety described by Aschmann.

See also

- Papantla Totonac

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Sierra Totonac	
Highland Totonac	
Native to	Mexico
Region	Puebla and Veracruz
Native speakers	(120,000 cited 1982) ^[1] plus 48,000 Coyutla (2000)
Language family	Totozoquean ? ■ Totonacan ■ Totonac ■ Central ■ Lowland–Sierra ■ Sierra Totonac
Writing system	Latin
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Either: toc – Coyutla Totonac tos – (other varieties)
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